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Applicants: OKAJIMA, et al.

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Method for Conveying Substrate and Mechanism for Conveying
Substrate

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the restriction requirement in the outstanding office action, applicants elect the invention of Group I, including claims 1 – 5, 22 and 23, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a special feature of a method of processing a substrate.

Examination of the elected invention in due course is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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